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HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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## The Aldermanic Contest in the Various Wards Throughout Chicago Is Rapidly Drawing to a Close. Mayor William Hale Thompson Has Jumped or Plunged into the Fight on the Home Stretch in an Effort to Defeat or Punish Some of His Enemies in the City Council

ALDERMAN HUGH NORRIS WILL BE RETURNED IF ALL SIGNS DO NOT FAIL TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM THE SECOND WARD.

THE PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICS RESIDING IN THE FIFTH WARD WILL SEE TO IT THAT ALDERMAN THOMAS A. DOYLE WHO HAS BEEN HIGHLY COMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL VOTERS LEAGUE WILL COME BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

ALDERMAN JOSEPH HIGGINS SMITH WHO IS ONE OF THE BEST FRIENDS THAT THE COLORED PEOPLE HAVE EVER HAD IN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE BOOSTED BACK INTO IT TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH, BY THE VOTERS OF THE 14TH WARD.

ALDERMAN WILLIAM J. HEALY, WITH ALL OF THE BEST BUSINESS MEN AND OTHER GOOD CITIZENS AT HIS BACK WORKING AND SUPPORTING HIM WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT, IS BOUND TO BE RE-ELECTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM THE 18TH WARD.

ALDERMEN JOHN A. RICHERT, HENRY P. BERGEN, WILLIAM R. O'TOOLE AND JOHN TOMAN WILL COME IN UNDER THE WIRE AHEAD OF THEIR RIVALS ON TUESDAY EVENING, AND BE RE-ELECTED FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE WARDS.

LAWYER AUGUSTUS L. WILLIAMS IS STILL IN THE RUNNING FOR DELEGATE TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION FROM THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS.

THE MUNICIPAL VOTERS LEAGUE INDORSES HARRY HILDRETH, JR., FOR ALDERMAN OF THE SECOND WARD. REV. JOHN F. THOMAS, PASTOR OF EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, WHEELS IN LINE FOR HIM.

On this coming Tuesday April 4th, at four o'clock the aldermanic election in the various wards throughout the city will wind up or come to a close, in many of the wards the fight between the contending candidates has been very bitter and will continue to be so until the polls close on that date.

Mayor William Hale Thompson, just to show that he is still on earth and is still to do some political fighting has on the home stretch jumped or plunged headlong into the contest in an effort to defeat or punish some of the aldermen who have in the past bitterly fought him, whom he regards as his deadly enemies in the City Council.

It remains to be seen whether or not his Honor the Mayor will succeed in routing his political enemies if he does then he will have the Hon. Charles S. Deneen and his forces on the dead run and they will be forced to run so fast that they will not be able to stop running and land anywhere on Tuesday, April 11, and Mayor Thompson very loudly proclaims it from the house tops that "he is still in the saddle and being mounted on the lucky or the winning horse, that he will ride rough-shod over the Hon. Charles S. Deneen and his rebel army and drive him and them off the face of the earth."

As the old colored man once said: "so mount it be so if the good Lord in the high heavens is willing."

Alderman Hugh Norris and his many friends and supporters are more than confident that for the third time he will be returned to the City Council from the second ward; Alderman Norris is a member of the Judiciary, Local Industries, License and several other committees of the City Council and without any noise or fuss or feathers he is always hustling around the city hall in the interest of the White and Colored citizens hailing from the Second Ward, if it is possible for him to do any favors for any one he has never been known to draw the color line nor to raise the race issue which is greatly to his credit; it must further be said to the credit of Alderman Norris that he turns many good tricks for many of his deserving constituents which never comes to the light of day and in which the general public is not interested.

That class of voters in the Second Ward who cannot see their way clear to vote for Alderman Norris, should rally to the support of Harry Hildreth, Jr., who is a first class business man, an honorable enterprising citizen, who is amply capable in every way to represent

all the people in the Second Ward in the City Council.

Alderman Thomas A. Doyle, who has been highly commended by the Municipal Voters League will and should be returned to the City Council from the Fifth Ward, by all of its voters regardless of their politics; for Alderman Doyle is full of life and is one of the youngest and best Alderman to be found in any part of Chicago.

Alderman Joseph Higgins Smith who is one of the very best friends that the Colored people have ever had in the City Council and all the Colored voters residing in the 14th Ward should on Tuesday, April 4th, assist to boost him back into it.

Alderman William J. Healy is slated to be returned to the city council from the 18th Ward for with all the business men and his solid army of friends pushing him along he must and will not be permitted to fall by the wayside.

It goes without saying that Aldermen John A. Richert; Henry P. Bergen, William R. O'Toole and John Toman, will all come in under the wire far ahead of their rivals and be re-elected to the City Council on Tuesday, April 4th, from their respective wards.

Lawyer Augustus L. Williams, is still fighting to be elected one of the delegates to the Republican National Convention, June 7, from the first Congressional district of Illinois.

Mr. Williams states that many Colored Republicans, as well as White ones, have come out in the open and boldly declared their adherence to him and that they will stand by him until the polls close, Tuesday, April 11.

The thing that greatly surprised many of the wise politicians this week around the city hall was that the Municipal Voters' League came out flat-footed and indorsed Harry Hildreth, Jr., for alderman of the Second Ward, and Rev. John F. Thomas, Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 35th and Dearborn streets, who is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic, who bravely fought in the War of the Rebellion, has also wheeled in line for Mr. Hildreth for Alderman of that ward, and Rev. Thomas states that in his opinion "he is the very best man that could be trotted out for that position, that he does not know how the majority of the Colored men and women in that ward will vote on Tuesday, April 4th, but as far as he is concerned he will cast his vote in favor of Harry Hildreth for Alderman of the Second Ward.

ALDERMAN WILLIAM J. HEALY, ONE OF THE BEST CITY FATHERS OF CHICAGO WHO WILL BE RE-ELECTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM THE EIGHTEENTH WARD TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH.

He Has Been Highly Endorsed for His Honesty and Efficiency by the Municipal Voters League.

The leading citizens of the eighteenth ward, both Democrats and Republicans, are and will continue to work awfully hard from now until the polls close on Tuesday evening for the re-election of Alderman William J. Healy to the city council from that ward.

His many friends and supporters insist that the honor of the ward demands that an Alderman with the conspicuously good record of Alderman Healy should be returned to the Council. Business men, big and little, professional men, active politicians and citizens in general have interested themselves in the campaign of the Republican Alderman who is running in a Democratic ward. For eight years Alderman Healy has won over Democratic odds in the ward, and his friends are convinced that he will do the same thing this year.

Following are some of the Alderman's achievements that his citizen supporters are pointing to in arguing that he should be re-elected:

Alderman Healy was on the sub-committee which drew the surface line unification ordinance.

He is the author of the universal transfer section of the surface line unification ordinance.

He headed the subcommittee which drew the elevated railroads' unification ordinance.

He was a member of the Council committee which helped settle the street car strike and secured for the men the big increase in pay.

### Protects Streets.

He is chairman of the committee on municipal improvements which is now directing the building in Canal street of the first subway gallery for pipe and conduits of public utilities which will make unnecessary the tearing up of streets.

He is chairman of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, which abolished duplicate and confusing street names.

He was acting chairman of the railway terminals committee at the time the Union Depot ordinance was passed—an ordinance which this year will give work to 20,000 men, a large number of them hailing from the Eighteenth Ward.

As chairman of the committee on streets and alleys he called up and caused to be passed by the Council last week the ordinance providing for the Orleans-Franklin streets bridge.

In a special report to the Council he uncovered the present inequitable system of taxing railroad property.

### Internationally Known.

He is author of a report on the sewage systems of Europe which has attracted international attention and is in demand by universities all over the country.

He served on the committee which did all possible to get concessions for the striking garment workers.

He established on Robey street, between Polk and Taylor streets, the first playground in the Eighteenth Ward.

With the above splendid record behind him every Afro-American man or woman voter residing in the Eighteenth Ward should on Tuesday, April 4, record their votes in favor of returning Alderman Healy to the City Council from that ward.



ALDERMAN JOSEPH HIGGINS SMITH.

The peoples candidate for re-election to the city council from the 14th ward.

Julius F. Taylor, Editor of The Broad Ax, please allow me space in your fearless and valuable paper, I want to turn the light on the Aldermanic question. There is an Alderman to be elected in the 14th Ward. Our present Alderman Joseph Higgins Smith stands for justice. His opponent is a Kentuckian, with his parents living in Kentucky. Wouldn't it be a question

in your mind whether he would give the black man justice. Has the light been turned on to see whether he is a lily white Republican or not. We must use our ballot as our gun in order to move all obstacles that stand in our way, so after a careful consideration it is best not to change the old for the new. We don't want Kentucky ideas drafted into Illinois. Let's rally as

men to that faithful servant who has been so loyal to us. With his open door and return him to the Council with the largest majority of any Alderman ever sent to the Council from the 14th Ward. Our neighbor and our friend, Alderman Joseph Higgins Smith.

Yours respectfully,  
Samuel S. Taylor,  
1728 Fulton street.

### CHICAGO PAPER PUBLISHES LIE ABOUT ST. LOUIS

Most Absurd Statements About Segregation, Jim-Crow and Curfew Made to Entice the K. of P. to Call Off Their 1917 Encampment.

In an article headed "Pythians Will Not Endorse Segregation," the Chicago Defender, of March 18, publishes a series of the most infamous fabrications ever perpetrated on any city. The article refers to St. Louis segregation and is so maliciously absurd that its reproduction in whole would be only adding insult to injury. The communication appears to be written by the Defender's St. Louis correspondent and says Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green will call off the Supreme Lodge 1917 meeting of the K. of P. because race leaders will not journey to this city where they are shut off from civilization.

To make the article odious the writer says, "Since this law of segregation has passed, Negroes have not been permitted to go outside of their district unless policemen have their eyes on them;" "have one rear seat in street cars;" "have a line limit after 9 p. m.;" and mentions terrible punishments for violations. The article closes by appealing to Chancellor Green

to do his duty and save the Pythians from such a place.

Of course, everyone in St. Louis, and every sensible person anywhere else, knows that these statements are all pure lies. Segregation is not yet in force here and may never be. There is no Jim Crow, no curfew, in fact St. Louis today is the St. Louis of old. Thousands of dollars have been subscribed by the whites to entertain the Pythians and a royal reception will be the effect. The Defender has fallen entirely off the pinnacle of modern journalism in permitting so base an article to disgrace its columns.—The Argus, St. Louis, Mo., March 25th, 1916.

### JAMES HALE PORTER SPEAKER AT THE BETHEL LITERARY SOCIETY.

This coming Sunday afternoon, April 2, Mr. James Hale Porter, candidate for member of the Republican State Central Committee of Illinois, from the First Congressional District will speak at the Bethel Literary at Bethel church, 30th and Dearborn streets.

His subject will be, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

### USUAL SPLIT IN LOUISIANA DELEGATION TO THE G. O. P

Lily Whites and Blacks Will Send Rival Representatives to Chicago—Barred from Hotel.

New Orleans, La.—(Special.)—Louisiana white and Negro Republicans will send contesting delegations to the Chicago national convention on June 7, the lily whites met in state convention have met here and selected twelve delegates.

The blacks appeared at the hotel entrance, demanded admission, and were refused by the hotel management, saying that Negroes could not participate in the conventions in that hostelry. The blacks charge this was the ruse by which the lily whites barred them. Returning to their quarters, the Negroes called a convention for April 27.

Sunday evening, April 9, at Institutional church, 3825 S. Dearborn street; a grand women's rally will be held under the auspices of the civic department of the City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. Miss Mary E. McDowell and Miss Harriet Bittum, speakers. Mrs. Jessie Johnson, President C. F. of C. W. C.